

3. (Currently amended) ~~A-The~~ glass article according to claim ~~2-1~~, wherein the transmittance value is above 90 percent at the wavelength ranging from 880 nm to 1,690 nm.

4. (Currently Amended) A polarizing glass article comprising a base glass selected from either a copper or copper-cadmium family, or a silver halide-containing glass family having and-precipitated silver particles wherein the polarizing glass article exhibits a contrast ratio of at least 50 dB over a wavelength range of 980 nm to 1,640 nm and a bandwidth of 660 nm.

5. Cancelled

6. (Currently amended) ~~A-The~~ glass article according to claim ~~5-4~~, wherein the transmittance value is above 90 percent at the wavelength ranging from 980 nm to 1,640 nm.

7. (Currently amended) ~~A-The~~ glass article according to claim 6, wherein the glass article has a center wavelength of at least 1,550 nm or longer.

8. (Currently amended) ~~A-The~~ glass article according to claim 1, wherein the base glass has a composition consisting essentially, in weight percent, of about 0-2.5% Li₂O, 0-9% Na₂O, 0-17% K₂O, 0-6% Cs₂O, 8-20% total of Li₂O+Na₂O+K₂O+Cs₂O, 14-23% B₂O₃, 5-25% Al₂O₃, 0-25% P₂O₅, 20-65% SiO₂, 0.004-0.02% CuO, 0.15-0.3% Ag, 0.1-0.2% Br, and 0.1-0.25% Cl.

9. (Currently amended) ~~A-The~~ glass article according to claim 8, wherein said glass includes as optional constituents, up to about 10% total of other oxides or elements selected in amounts not exceeding the indicated proportions from the group consisting of up to 6% ZrO₂, up to 3% TiO₂, up to 0.5% PbO, up to 7% BaO, up to 4% CaO, up to 3% MgO, up to 6% Nb₂O₅, up to 4% La₂O₃ and up to 2%F.

10. – 20. (Cancelled)

Please add new claim 21 as follows:

21. The glass article according to claim 8, wherein a molar ratio of alkali metal oxides, B_2O_3 ranges between about 0.55-0.85, and a weight ratio of $Ag(Cl+Br)$ ranges between about 0.65-0.95.